

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2002
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

**Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales**

**County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #2
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4**

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda notice as posted in the meeting notice of the 28th February 2002. Present also were Diana Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

03-02-131

1. Call to Order – Judge Martinez
Invocation – Mr. Chuck Owen
Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

03-02-132

2. Approval of Minutes –

A motions was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the minutes as submitted.

03-02-134

3. Communications –

Judge Martinez stated that lately there had been talk of the County of Webb pumping water out of Lake Casa Blanca and diverting it to the golf course. Judge Martinez read a report from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission stating that the pump was inactive.

He assured the public that the pump was inactive and county employees do clean and lubricate the motor periodically.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to move up item 03-02-136 6. – g.:

Appoint Interim Treasurer –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to appoint Mr. Jorge Flores as Interim Treasurer and file all necessary documents pertaining to said position and any matters incident thereto.

Salary applies accordingly.

Judge Martinez polled each Commissioner for their vote on this item.

Commissioner Vasquez “Aye”, in favor.
Commissioner Gutierrez “Aye”, in favor.
Commissioner Velasquez “Aye”, in favor.
Commissioner Urdiales “Aye”, in favor.
Judge Martinez “Aye”, in favor

Judge Martinez administered the Oath

03-02-134

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. Jorge Flores, Interim Treasurer presented his report at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept to pay the bills as per the printout and the Side Bills as presented.

There is no Tax Assessor-Collector and Auditor reports at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept for the record all reports as submitted for Road & Bridge, Facilities, Public Defender and Utilities.

03-02-136

6. Approval of refunds –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following refunds:

Killam Oil Co., Ltd.

Reason: Account spilt to fourteen new owners

Total refund: \$ 843.05

Bruni Mineral Trust #2 c/o Bruni & Ramirez Trustees

Reason: Account split to fourteen new owners

Total refund: \$ 1,397.04

Webb County Tax Office

Reason: Paid in error and requested that correct account be paid

Total Refund: # 531.68

Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service

Reason: Paid in error and requested that correct account be paid

Total refund: \$ 1,151.65

6. – b., c., d., e. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Head Start –

Fill slot # 1701 and slot # 1799 (Substitutes 15 hours each) at \$ 6.76 an hour effective March 4, 2002 and;

Facilities Department –

Fill slot # 022 (Journeyman License Plumber) at \$ 12.29 an hour effective March 4, 2002 and;

Welfare Department –

Fill slot # 599 (Receptionist/Operations Clerk) at \$ 8.50 an hour effective March 4, 2002 and;

Utilities Department –

Fill slot # 1303 (Superintendent Waste Water) at \$ 30,000 per year effective March 4, 2002.

6. – f. Planning Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to ratify “Certifications regarding compliance with Plat requirements and the connections of utilities” to authorize the utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i), TLGC Lot 208, Ranchitos
Las Lomas II Subdivision (electricity –1 dwelling)
Lot 1, Block 7, Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision (electricity – dwelling)

6. – h. County Court at Law II –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slot # 184 (receptionist/secretary) at \$ 10.66 an hour effective March 4, 2002.

03-02-137

7. – a. Economic Development –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to authorize the development and submission of an application to (TNRCC) Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for the funding of an Environmental Investigator Project for a total amount of \$ 33,000 (match will be \$10,000 cash, \$15,000 in-kind).

7. – b., c., d. & e -

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Approve the submission of an “Extension Request” to the Department of Labor for the Welfare to Work program from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 and;

Authorize the submission of an application for a proposed Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Webb County, Texas and;

Approve request amendment to Texas Capital Fund Program #717282 for a one year extension from May 31, 2002 to May 31, 2003. This budget contract will be at no cost to the county and;

Authorize the Purchasing agent to solicit bids for the construction of a 50,000 gallon elevated water storage tank for the Oilton Rural Water Supply Corporation - TCDP Contract #721859. All construction costs will be paid by grant funds.

03-02-138

8. – a. Community Action Agency –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slot # 1809 (CEAP Secretary-full time-temp.) at \$ 6.50 an hour effective March 4, 2002 (Funding from Comprehensive Energy Assistance Grant – No impact on the General Fund).

8. – b.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept funding from City of Laredo, for a Homeless Prevention Grant, in the amount of \$ 15,000 for Fy2002. In kind match is required and will come from salaries of Center Coordinators, who are paid from Community Services Block Grant.

8. – c.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve an appoint two civic/social organizations for “Category C” of the CAA Advisory Board, to fill vacancies left by “Scan” and “Young Lawyers Association”.

1. Border Region MHMR
2. Homeless Coalition

(Category C is comprised of members of business, industry, labor, religious , law enforcement, enforcement, education or other major groups and interests in the community served. A tripartite Board is part of the requirements/mandate by the state, as per issuance #2002-2.3)

8. – d.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to appoint Mr. Jose Rugama, as a member of Category “A” of the CAA Advisory Board, to fill vacancy left by Mr. Pete Saenz as per CAA By-Laws.

03-02-138

9. – a. Purchasing Department -

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to purchase five air pack respirators for the Law Enforcement Center from Vallen Safety Supply in the amount of \$ 2,084 (Account #001-2060-6205 Jail Bargaining Unit – Materials/Supplies).

9. – b. Solicit Bids –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to solicit bids for the weatherization materials and rehab materials for the CAA-Weatherization Assistance Program.

9. – c. Proposed Building Plaque Design –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the proposed building plaque design for the new Administration Building from Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc.

9. – d. Award Bids –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to award the following bids/proposals:

Bid #2002-39 “CAA Weatherization Home Rehabilitation”

Recommendation: 1. L.A. Construction
2. Noah’s Construction
3. Frontier Construction
4. Border Insulation

Bid #2002-41 “Food Service Equipment and Supplies for Law Enforcement Center”

Recommendation: Cook’s Correctional Kitchen Equipment

Bid#2002-42 “Weapons”

Recommendation: GT Distributors

Bid#2002-43 “Twenty-nine IBM Computers and twenty-seven printers (includes cables)”

Recommendation:
Printers -
P.C. Mall
MicroSystems Engineering
Logical Business Systems of Laredo
Micro Systems Engineering
20 IBM Computers -
9 Computers w/dvd drive } PC Mall

P-2001-01 “Data Telecommunication Distribution System” – defer to next meeting

9. – e. Changes minutes –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to change from 200 to 500 minutes with U.S. Cellular for Constable Raul Hinojosa and Pedro Garcia, PR Bonding.

9. – f. Lease Mailing Machine –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to lease a Paragon II Mailing Machine E100 Paragon postage by phone, Paragon II 1500, Power Stacker and Paragon 30 integrated Platform with differential (30lbs max) in the amount of \$ 42,048.00 (48 payments of \$ 876.00 a month) from Pitney Bowes for Tax Assessor-Collector (Acct. 627-8108-8801 CO Series Capital Outlay).

9. – g. Purchase Water Filters –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to purchase water filters for the Colorado Water Plant from Hydro Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$ 7,991.87 (acct. 10-7002-6410 R & B Maint. of Water Wells).

9. – h. Solicit Quotations –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to solicit quotations and purchase a “Turf Tender 410” (Top dresser) to maintain fairways, t-boxes and greens for the Casa Blanca Golf Course (Est. cost \$ 11,000).

03-02-139

10. – a., b. & c. County Attorney –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Enter into Contract Amendment to the Texas Department of Transportation FY 2002 Rural Public Transportation Grant Agreement for the Community Action Agency (El Aguila) revising the amount payable under the grant from \$ 615,395.00 to \$ 674,807.00 for Administrative and Operational Expenses (an increase of \$ 18,075.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into a Non-Financial Cooperative Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action agency (CAA) serving Children and Adolescents in need, Inc., (SCAN) to create a referral System between SCAN and CAA for

Adolescents in need of SCAN Services, specifically matters concerning Substance Abuse and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo to accept funding in the amount of \$ 12,200 for the Webb County Community Action Agency Homeless Prevention Assistance Program for year 2002-2003 with Webb County providing an in-kind match of \$ 12,200 for a total of \$ 24,400 to the CAA Homeless Prevention Program and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – d.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to enter into an authorized Provider Agreement between the American Red Cross and Webb County for the delivery of Educational Services and training materials to the Head Start Program under the American Red Cross Community First and Safety Program at the equipment/book/price list and rental fees described in the Agreement commencing on March 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2002, and order an exemption to Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to modify the motion made for item 8. – b., the amount should be \$ 15,200 in-kind from the Webb County Community Action Agency Homeless Prevention Assistance Program and \$ 15,200 in-kind Webb County for a total of \$ 30,400.00.

10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session for the following item:

10. – e. } Action regarding Case #5-01-CV-78; Jose Gamez and Eudelia G. Leal, Plaintiffs vs. Laredo Webb County Community Action Agency and Webb County, Texas, Defendants; in the United States District Court for the Southern District.

10. – f. } Action regarding CICIV Action # 5-01-CV-92; Jose F. Hernandez, Plaintiff vs. Juan Garza, in his Official Capacity as Sheriff of Webb, County, Texas, Defendants; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

10:50 a.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney reported that no action was needed on these items at this time. Status reports provide to the court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting "Aye", in favor to adjourn the meeting.

